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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A water soluble hot melt blocking composition for contact lens manufacture, the composition comprising:
  - (a) about ~~[[5]]~~ 15 to 95 wt% of a water soluble polymer composition; and
  - (b) about 1 to about 50 wt% of a highly water soluble micronized salt comprising a sodium or potassium salt of a strong acid, the salt having a particle size of less than about 150 microns.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the salt comprises a sodium chloride, potassium chloride or mixtures thereof and the particle size of the salt is less than 90 microns.
3. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the water-soluble polymer comprises a cellulosic polymer in an amount of about 15 to 75 wt.%.
4. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the polymer comprises a poly(ethyleneglycol) in an amount of about 15 to 75 wt.%.
5. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the water-soluble polymer comprises a poly (vinyl pyrrolidone) in an amount of about 15 to 75 wt.%.
6. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the particle size is about 20 to 80 microns.
7. (Original) The composition of claim 1 additionally comprising a surfactant.
8. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition comprises about 10-50 wt% of a hydroxy substituted organic compound.

9. (Original) The composition of claim 7 wherein the hydroxy substituted organic compound comprises hydroxywax.

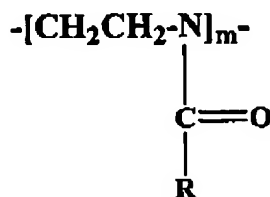
10. (Previously presented) A water-soluble hot melt blocking composition for contact lens manufacture, the composition comprising:

(a) about 25-50 wt% of a water soluble alkyl substituted polyethyleneimine polymer; and

(b) about 5 to about 50 wt% of a water soluble sodium or potassium salt of a strong acid.

11. (Original) The composition of claim 10 additionally comprising about 10-50 wt% of a hydroxy substituted organic compound comprising a hydroxywax having hydroxy number of greater than 150.

12. (Original) The composition of claim 10 wherein the alkyl substituted polyethyleneimine polymer comprises a compound of the formula:



wherein R is a C<sub>1-5</sub> alkyl, m is about 50-10,000.

13. (Original) The composition of claim 10 wherein there is about 25 to 40 wt% of the water soluble polymer, about 15 to 45 wt% of a hydroxywax and about 15 to 45 wt% of a water soluble micronized sodium chloride or potassium chloride salt.

14. (Original) The composition of claim 10 more in the particle size is less than about 150 microns.

15. (Original) The composition of claim 10 additionally comprising a surfactant.

16. (Original) The composition of claim 10 wherein the composition comprises about 10-50 wt% of a hydroxy substituted organic compound.

17. (Original) The composition of claim 16 wherein the hydroxy substituted organic compound comprises hydroxywax.

18. (Currently amended) A water soluble hot melt blocking composition for contact lens manufacture, the composition comprising:

- (a) about ~~[[5]]~~ 15 - 90 wt% of a water soluble polymer composition;
- (b) about 1 - 50 wt% of a hydroxy substituted organic compound; and
- (c) about 1 - 50 wt% of an inorganic highly soluble sodium or potassium salt;

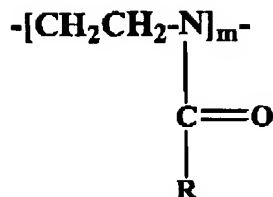
wherein the components are blended such that the material is a structural solid at a temperature of less than about 130°F and wherein the material is substantially melt form at a temperature greater than 140°F.

19. (Original) The composition of claim 18 wherein the composition is a solid at less than 120°F.

20. (Original) The composition of claim 18 wherein the composition is a melt at a temperature greater than 165°F.

21. (Original) The composition of claim 18 wherein the hydroxy substituted organic compound comprises about 5-50 wt% of a hydroxy wax.

22. (Original) The composition of claim 18 wherein the water-soluble polymer comprises an alkyl substituted polyethyleneimine polymer comprising a compound of the formula:



wherein R is a C<sub>1-5</sub> alkyl, m is about 50-10,000 and is present in an amount of about 15 to 75 wt.%.

23. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 18 wherein the salt comprises a sodium or potassium salt of a strong acid.

24. (Original) The composition of claim 18 wherein the water-soluble polymer comprises a polyethyl oxazoline polymer having a molecular weight of about 10,000 to 500,000 and is present in an amount of about 15 to 45 wt.%.

25. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 18 wherein the salt comprises a particle size less than about 150 microns.

26. (Original) The composition of claim 18 wherein the hydroxy substituted organic compound has a hydroxy number of greater than 150.

27. (Original) The composition of claim 18 wherein the composition comprises a surfactant.